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1. TEXT OF NOTE CONTAINED REFTEL INSTRUCTION WAS SENT FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JUNE 2. AT THAT TIME WE ALSO PRESENTED US CASE ORALLY TO GARREAU, WHO HANDLES MARITIME POLICY MATTERS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTORATE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

2. DURING FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH GARREAU JUNE 25, HE SAID THAT GOF DID NOT FIND US ARGUMENT ON INCOMPATIBILITY UN CONVENTION AND OECD OBLIGATIONS VERY CONVINCING, ESPECIALLY SINCE OPINIONS WERE SHARPLY DIVIDED AMONG OECD DELS ON THAT POINT. OF FAR MORE CONCERN TO GOF THAN DISCUSSIONS IN OECD FRAMEWORK, HE SAID, WERE DISCUSSIONS THIS SUBJECT AMONG EC PARTNERS. GOF HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO VERY STRONG PRESSURES FROM UK AND DENMARK IN PARTICULAR AND EC COMMISSION WAS ALSO TRYING TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE. EC HAD TAKEN DECISION WEEK AGO TO PRESS FOR RENEGOTIATION OF UN CONVENTION. GOF, HOWEVER, HAD DECIDED THAT IT WOULD GO AHEAD AND SIGN UN CONVENTION WITH RESERVATIONS.

3. GARREAU CITED A NUMBER OF REASONS JUSTIFYING GOF DECISION SIGN CONVENTION. (A) GOF FAILURE TO SIGN WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH POSITION FRENCH DEL HAD TAKEN IN GENEVA DURING CONVENTION'S NEGOTIATION, AND CHANGE IN GOF POSITION WOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD OR APPRECIATED BY LDC'S. (B) AS NOTED ABOVE, GOF DOES NOT CONSIDER CONVENTION INCOMPATIBLE WITH OECD OBLIGATIONS. (C) GOF POSITION ALSO REFLECTS GOF DISSATISFACTION WITH CLOSED LINER CONFERENCE DOMINATED BY UK AND SCANDINAVIANS. (D) GOF SEES DEFINITE ADVANTAGE TO CARGO ALLOCATION FORMULA IN CONVENTION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SINCE ACCEPTANCE OF FORMULA BY LDC'S RULED OUT POSSIBILITY OF ANY LDC IN FUTURE SEEKING LARGER SHARE OF CARGO TRAFFIC. GARREAU CLAIMED GOF FEARS THAT OTHERWISE LDC'S MIGHT IN TIME BE TEMPTED TRY OBTAIN EVEN LARGER SHARE OF TRAFFIC FOR THEIR FLEETS.

4. GARREAU SAID FRG AND BELGIUM WILL SIGN CONVENTION, AND IT WAS THOUGHT PROBABLE THAT ITALY WOULD ALSO SIGN.
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